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In re Application of:
Hiroshi MORIKAWA
Application No. 10/822,674
Filed: April 13, 2004
For: OPERATION UNIT FOR AN IMAGE
FORMING APPARATUS

**DECISION ON PETITION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181**

This is a decision on the petition filed September 1, 2009 requesting consideration of the Document (AO) cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 18, 2006.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A review of the application file record shows that applicant submitted the Japanese Patent Document (AO) 8-30151 along with its English language abstract on December 18, 2006.

37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)(i) states:

Content of an information disclosure statement requires a concise explanation of the relevance.

M.P.E.P. § 609.04(a)(III) states:

Submission of an English language abstract of a reference may fulfill the requirement for a concise explanation.

Accordingly, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for consideration of the reference cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 18, 2006.

Any inquiry concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned whose telephone number is (571) 272-1732.

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